

DISTRICT FUNDING QUESTIONNAIRE

BY REQUEST FROM THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, THE STATE ASSOCIATION IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO COMPILE INFORMATION FROM DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE "NEED" FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THE INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE USED TO DISPLAY THE NEEDS OF DISTRICTS TO LEGISLATORS BEFORE AND DURING THE NEXT SESSION.

A few years ago many of you completed and returned a similar questionnaire and I thank you. I am asking for your cooperation to once again help us update this information so that we can utilize it to display districts needs to public officials and the general public. Your participation will be critical to our effort to secure additional funding. Thank you in advance for your input.

NvACD PRESIDENT, CHRIS FREEMAN

- 1) What is your district's annual income including funding from the Nevada Division of Conservation Districts and any county funding? **(Excluding other grants)**
 - A. Less than \$10,001
 - B. More than \$10,001 but less than \$20,000
 - C. More than \$20,000 but less than \$40,000
 - D. More than \$40,000 but less than \$60,000
 - E. Greater than \$60,000
- 2) What percent of your district's total annual budget is derived from other grant sources?
 - A. Less than 25%
 - B. More than 25% but less than 50%
 - C. More than 50% but less than 75%
 - D. More than 75%
- 3) Aside from the funding you receive from the Division of conservation districts, what other sources of funding does your district utilize? **(Circle all that apply and include percent of total)**
 - A. Federal _____%
 - B. State (Other) _____%
 - C. County _____%
 - D. City _____%
 - E. Private _____%
- 4) How many full time (30 hours or more per week) employees does your district currently employ?
 - A. None
 - B. 1-2
 - C. 3-4
 - D. 5 or more

- 5) Does your district employ any part time (less than 30 hours per week) employees?
 A. Yes Number _____
 B. No
- 6) How much cash or in-kind match (i.e. donated services, labor, equipment, materials, etc.) does your district generate annually, on average, excluding funds from other grant sources?

- 7) What types of programs does your district currently operate? (**Circle all that apply**)
 Order of Importance (1-13)
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| A. Noxious Weed Treatment | _____ |
| B. Watershed Restoration | _____ |
| C. Wetland Enhancement | _____ |
| D. Educational Training | _____ |
| E. Rangeland Enhancement | _____ |
| F. Forest Health / Fire Suppression | _____ |
| G. Storm water Containment | _____ |
| H. Wildlife Habitat Enhancement | _____ |
| I. Soil Erosion Control | _____ |
| J. Meeting Coordination | _____ |
| K. Conservation Easements | _____ |
| L. Landscape/Irrigation Demonstrations | _____ |
| M. Public Outreach/Educational Materials | _____ |
| N. Other _____ | _____ |

Please answer the questions below as realistically as possible and be specific. We realize there may be some difficulty answering some of the questions below due to the nature of grants and other sources of income. It may help to review previous financial reports.

- 8) What are some of your districts most significant issues or concerns that you are currently unable to address effectively and efficiently due to a lack of funding?
- 9) What resources would your district need in order to address these issues or concerns effectively and efficiently?

- 10) If additional funding from the State of Nevada were made available to your district, which issues and concerns would you address during the next four fiscal years?
- 11) Do you believe that additional funding from the State would enhance your districts ability to receive grants from other sources that could be leveraged against the State's funds? If so, to what extent? (e.g.: **dollar for dollar (1:1) up to \$____,000.00, 2:1, 3:1, etc.**)
- 12) What amount of additional state funding per year could your district utilize to realistically address the issues and concerns you identified in question 10 above?
- 13) How will you get the projects completed? (Sub-contractor, hire employee(s), board supervisors with the assistance of NRCS)
- 14) Does your District utilize office space?
- A. Yes
 - B. No (skip to 17)
- 15) If yes, does your District...
- A. Own the office space?
 - B. Pay to rent office space?
 - C. Lease office space to or from another party?
 - D. Have office space provided by another party at no direct cost?
- 16) If office space is provided on an annual basis by another party at no direct cost to your District, what is the fair market value of that space and any other office materials or supplies provided by that party?
- 17) If additional funding were made available to your district through the state, would your district consider entering into a Contribution Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to assist them with implementing their programs as well as district programs?

18) Overall since 1995, how much have your operating costs increased?

A. No Change _____

B. 5%-9% _____

C. 10%-14% _____

D. 15%-19% _____

E. 20%-24% _____

F. 25% or greater _____ What is the percent increase? _____

19) How has that increase affected your district?

20) Has your district had to either not apply for grants or return grant funds due to a lack of local matching funds? If so, what is the average annual amount?

21) Would you be willing to attend and/or testify during the next legislative session?

22) Would you be willing to bring materials to the hearings to not only justify additional funding, but to also display your districts accomplishments and successes?

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. Your input is sincerely appreciated and will enhance our ability to realistically portray your conservation goals, resource needs and current programs. We will compile the information and use it as a tool in exploring additional and alternative funding for Nevada's Conservation Districts. We will copy and distribute to each district the document created by this information for your review and use.

Name of District you are representing

E-mail address (s)

Primary Contact(s)